CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claims:

Claims 1-63 (canceled)

64. (New) A method of treatment of a disease or condition comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a polyhydroxylated pyrrolizidine compound of formula:

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or acyl derivative thereof,

wherein R is selected from the group comprising hydrogen, straight or branched, unsubstituted or substituted, saturated or unsaturated acyl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl and aryl groups, and a saccharide moiety; and

wherein said disease or condition is selected from a bacterial infection, a viral infection, lung cancer and breast cancer.

65. (New) A method according to claim 64 wherein the pyrrolizidine compound, salt or derivative has the formula:

wherein R is selected from the group comprising hydrogen, straight or branched, unsubstituted or substituted, saturated or unsaturated acyl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl and aryl groups.

- (New) A method according to claim 64 wherein the pyrrolizidine compound is an acyl
 derivative.
- (New) A method according to claim 66 wherein the pyrrolizidine acyl derivative is acylated at C-6.
- 68. (New) A method according to claim 66 wherein the acyl derivative is an alkanoyl derivative selected from acetyl, propanoyl and butanoyl.
- 69. (New) A method according to claim 64 wherein R is a saccharide moiety.
- (New) A method according to claim 69 wherein the saccharide moiety is a glucoside or arabinoside moiety.
- 71. (New) A method according to claim 64 wherein the pyrrolizidine compound is chosen from:
 - (a) 1R,2R,3R,6S,7S,7aR)-3-(hydroxymethyl)-1,2,6,7-tetrahydroxypyrrolizidine (casuarine), wherein R is hydrogen and having the formula:

- (b) a casuarine glycoside;
- (c) casuarine-6-α-D-glucoside of the formula:

- (d) 6-O-butanoylcasuarine;
- (e) 3,7-diepi-casuarine;
- (f) 7-epi-casuarine;
- (g) 3,6,7-triepi-casuarine;
- (h) 6,7-diepi-casuarine;
- (i) 3-epi-casuarine;
- (j) 3,7-diepi-casuarine-6-α-D-glucoside;
- (k) 7-epi-casuarine-6-α-D-glucoside;
- (1) 3,6,7-triepi-casuarine-6-α-D-glucoside;
- (m)6,7-diepi-casuarine-6-α-D-glucoside;
- (n) 3-epi-casuarine-6-α-D-glucoside, and
- a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or derivative of any of (a) (n).
- 72. (New) A method according to claim 64 wherein said viral infection is selected from respiratory syncytial virus, hepatitis B virus, Epstein-Barr, Ebola virus, hepatitis C virus, herpes simplex type 1 and 2, herpes genitalis, herpes keratitis, herpes encephalitis, herpes zoster, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), influenza A virus, hantann virus, human papilloma virus and measles.
- 73. (New) A method according to claim 64 wherein said bacterial infection is caused by bacteria selected from *Bacillus*, *Escherichia* and *Francisella*.
- 74. (New) A method according to claim 64 wherein said polyhydroxylated pyrrolizidine compound is derived from one or more plant species sources selected from:
 - (a) a member of the taxon Myrtaceae; and
 - (b) a member of the taxon Casuarinaceae.
- 75. (New) A method of treatment of a disease or condition selected from a bacterial infection, a viral infection, lung cancer and breast cancer, said method comprising administering to a

patient in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a composition containing a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient and a polyhydroxylated pyrrolizidine compound of formula:

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or acyl derivative thereof,

wherein R is selected from the group comprising hydrogen, straight or branched, unsubstituted or substituted, saturated or unsaturated acyl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl and aryl groups, and a saccharide moiety.